



Welcome to Holy Name of Jesus Parish

4th Sunday of Easter ~ April 25-26, 2026

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MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Sunday: 7:30 and 10 am

Weekday: Tues, Thurs: 7:30 am Mass in the
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel (former convent)

Wednesdays – in Church

4:00 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with
Adoration

4:30pm Reconciliation

5:30 pm Mass

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Families are asked to contact the office before the
arrival of your new child for instructions and
registration.

RECONCILIATION

Wednesdays 4:30pm in Church

Saturdays 2:30-3:30pm (Or by appointment)

MARRIAGE

We celebrate Christian love and family with the
Sacrament of Matrimony. Couples should contact
the office one year in advance.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anyone who is ill and in need of prayers, comfort
and/or strength should call the office to arrange to
receive this beautiful Sacrament.

HOSPITALIZATION

If you or a loved one is hospitalized or homebound,
please notify us to receive care. We are not notified
due to HIPAA law.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Please call, visit the office or register
online at www.hnojchurch.org

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Please submit to: parishoffice@hnojchurch.org
Bulletin deadline is Friday at 4:00pm



Liturgical Services This Week

Mon 04/27	Tues 04/28	Wed 04/29	Thursday 04/30	Friday 05/01	Saturday 05/02	Sunday 05/03
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Parish Office Closed</i></p>	<p>7:30am Mass +Dr. Thomas E. Noonan <i>r/b Fr. Jim</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i></p>	<p>4:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation</p> <p>5:30pm Mass of the day +Martha Dina (Anniv) <i>r/b Dolores Mihalik</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Services celebrated in Church</i></p>	<p>7:30am Mass For the intentions of Fr. Samir Alrafayne</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass celebrated in Sts. Cyril & Methodius Chapel</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Chapel open for private prayer 9:00am-2:00pm</p>	<p>2:30—3:30pm Reconciliation</p> <p>4:00pm Mass +Kenny and John Iwasczyszyn <i>r/b wife & mother, Helen and family</i></p>	<p>7:30am Mass +Diane DiVasto <i>r/b Fr. Jim</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">And the Deceased of the parish</p> <p>10:00am Mass +Marian Stevens <i>r/b the McClean family</i></p>

MASS INTENTIONS

4:00pm +Paula Schmitt
And the Deceased of the parish

7:30am +Holy Souls in Purgatory

10:00am + Antoinette Margonis



Prayer of St. Augustine

Watch O Lord, with those who cannot sleep, or weep tonight. Tend your sick ones. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. Amen.



Please join our Parish Family as we pray for our six young people; Brienne, Cristopher, Dalton, Joseph, Kaylen and Samantha who are preparing to receive Jesus for the first time in Holy Eucharist on Mother's Day.

Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children as they prepare to receive Holy Communion for the first time. May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

La Virgen Del Cisne ~ Our Lady of the Swan



May 9, 2026 Join us as we honor the Blessed Mother under the title of La Virgen Del Cisne, Our Lady of the Swan, with the Rosary at 12:30pm—Procession and Mass at 1:00pm

The story of Nuestra Señora del Cisne is one of hope and providence: in a time of great drought, the people of El Cisne, Ecuador, turned to Mary in humble prayer. In 1594, a drought and plague of rats destroyed crops in the region. Threatened with extinction the native population decided to emigrate in search of a better land. However, before that could happen, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to a native woman and everything changed. The woman was herding sheep to pasture when she met a Lady crowned with fragrant roses, who stayed with her, conversing about God while the flock grazed. "Confide in me, because I am going to help and protect you so you will never be hungry again. Build a shrine in this place, where I will always be with you," the Lady said. Each year, thousands embark on pilgrimages and processions, expressing trust in the Blessed Mother's miraculous help and unfailing presence. Through Nuestra Señora del Cisne, we are reminded that Mary's love knows no boundaries, and she gathers the faithful beneath her mantle—offering hope, comfort, and inspiration on the journey to Christ.

THIS WEEK'S CANDLE INTENTIONS

Sanctuary Tabernacle Candle

In Loving Memory of Michael and Anna Piccirillo

Chapel Tabernacle Candle

For the victims of violent crime

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Candle

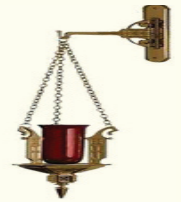
In Loving Memory of Nguyen Thi Cham

St Joseph Shrine Candle

For the intentions of Pope Leo

St Michael Candle

For the intentions of the Members of Council 2370 Knights of Columbus



Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. For more information on serving as a Reader or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC) talk to



Fr. Jim or visit formationreimagined.org/liturgical-formation/ or call the office. Your participation brings life to our celebrations!

The Catholic Community of Stratford, rich in tradition and united in its mission to foster meaningful encounters with Jesus Christ, invites, welcomes, accompanies, prays with, and educates disciples to minister and serve.

Together, we are vibrant.

Together, we grow in our faith in new and exciting ways.

Together, as the Catholic Community of Stratford (CCS), we serve the needs of our community more effectively.



Contact:
stratford@setoncollaborative.org

This Generation is the Worst!



In today's second reading, Peter exhorts the apostles to "save [them]selves from this corrupt generation!" There has always been a human tendency to bemoan the younger generations, and the biblical authors were no different. We must nevertheless ask ourselves; what is it that we dislike about the new generations? Are we projecting our shame onto them? No doubt that each generation has its beauty and its imperfection. But is the Holy Spirit trying to speak to us through the younger generations? May we pray to welcome the Holy Spirit again and again, who is always new, and always trying to teach us.

Vacation Bible School: Summer 2026



Parents and guardians have two opportunities for vacation Bible School in the town of Stratford this year: August 10-14 at St. Mark and August 17-21 at Our Lady of Peace. Please reach out to Dana Donia at ddonia@stmarkstfd.org for more information for the week at St. Mark, or Colin Petramale at colin.petramale@setoncollaborative.org for more information for the week at OLP. Both weeks promise to be faith-filled for all involved!

April FAITH Event—The Pentecost Escape Room!

Your Mission—"You have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. Now go and share the Good News! But first...you must work together to open the door."

Thank you to the children, parents, grandparents and families who worked to solve the 12 puzzles and discover the escape code. Thank you to our catechist team and especially Angie Nevells for coordinating and hosting this fun event.



Parish Financial Support

IN-CHURCH April 18-20

Sunday	\$	1,980.00
Easter	\$	98.00
Other	\$	70.00

MAIL IN/DROP OFF - April 13-19

Sunday	\$	475.00
Easter	\$	50.00
Other	\$	77.00

ONLINE GIVING - April 13-19

Sunday	\$	401.00
Easter	\$	48.00
Other	\$	10.00

TOTAL INCOME: \$ **3,209.00**

Thank you! Your generosity is a blessing

The Annual Collection helps the Parish to meet extraordinary expenses that arise each year. **This year our goal is \$45,000.**

To date \$ 14,570 has been received towards our goal.

Please prayerfully consider your support towards our Parish Annual Appeal.



Regular May offertory envelopes include Monthly Outreach, Monthly

Repairs & Improvements, Catholic Communication Campaign, Ascension of the Lord



The Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius in Danville PA, who faithfully served our parish for 60 years as teachers and catechists, have written to let us

know they will be including our parish in their prayers as they pray the Rosary during the Month of May.

Sister Barbara Sable also invites you to send her your Special Intentions to be included in their prayers. You may use this tear off sheet and write your prayer intentions—drop it in the box at the back table or in the offertory basket and the parish office will mail them to the Sisters.

The Sisters of Saints Cyril and Methodius have particular devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We revere Mary as Mother of God and look to her in a special way as a model of our consecration. A special expression of our devotion to Mary is each Sister's daily recitation of the Rosary.



Dear Sisters of Saints Cyril & Methodius, please include my special intentions in your prayers as you pray the Rosary in May.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us...

Upcoming Events...Mark Your Calendar!



Wednesdays 4:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation Available - 5:30pm Mass

April 25-26 Monthly Food Collection

April 26 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

April 26 Faith Formation for children

April 27 CT FoodShare - parking lot 9:15-10:15am

April 28, May 1 every Tues & Friday - Neocatechumenal Way

April 29, May 6, May 13 The Chosen

May 2-3 Parish Nurses

May 15 Ladies Guild Dinner

May 16 Knights of Columbus, Porketta Dinner

May 16-17 Coffee And...

May 16 Bible Study with Fr. Jim

May 16, May 30 Men's Reflection

May 17 May Crowning

May 30-31 Monthly Food Collection

The Chosen



We hope you will join us for Season Two of...

The CHOSEN Wednesdays at 6:30pm in Heritage Hall **April 29 & May 6 & 13**



COME & SEE ~ Tuesdays and Fridays

If you are suffering...If you are surrounded by fear...If you cannot forgive... If there are things you do not understand...The Neocatechumenal Way invites you to begin a journey to experience that Christ is Risen! Tuesday and Fridays at 7:30pm in Heritage Hall.

Bible Study



Join Fr. Jim as we continue to understand the Prophet Isaiah. **Sunday, April 26**, 11:30am-12:30pm and **Saturday, May 16**, 10:00-11:15am

Men's Reflection Group



Upcoming Saturday Reflection dates: May 16 and May 30th. Join us! Guys are invited to gather at 7:45am in the Parish Community Room – Reflections on the Readings at 8:00, and we finish at 9:00am.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PRESENTS: PORKETTA DINNER Saturday, May 16, 5:00-7:00pm.

Dinner is open to Members, Parishioners and Guests. Menu includes: Porketta, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & butter, Soda, Coffee, Tea and Dessert. Dine in or Take Out. Reservations are required. \$15.00 per person. Larry Wells 203.395.7073 lawman1156@gmail.com **RSVP by May 4th** Please bring a non-perishable food item



Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe with Bishop Caggiano. Oct. 9-12th

Encounter the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Walk up Tepeyac Hill. Attend Daily Mass. Visit the Sisters of

Mary Girlstown. Prices start at \$1,799

Full details on fliers in back of church or visit

<https://worldvillages.org/events/caggiano/> 800-662-6316

Fr. Jim's Column—Just One More Thing!

Dear Parish Family, this Sunday we hear in John's Gospel how Jesus reveals himself as the 'Good Shepherd'. He tells us of how he is both Shepherd, the one who leads and cares for his sheep and whose voice the sheep know and will follow, and that he is the gate, the one who protects his sheep. This Sunday has also been designated as 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations' especially to the priesthood and consecrated religious life. Very appropriate because regardless of the vocation Jesus calls each of us to embrace, we know it takes on our part to listen to his call and to allow ourselves to follow him where he leads each of us.



In his book, *I'm not Ok. You're not Ok. But it's Ok!*, Chris Padgett reminds and guides us through this very uncomfortable truth at times about you and me. Chris puts it this way.

"People spend an amazing amount of time pretending to be who they are not. There are a number of reasons why we hide ourselves from others, often thinking that if someone really knew the real us that they would quickly distance themselves from such a broken person. The truth is very simple: we are all flawed, broken, and hurting. While we pretend everything is fine, even if it isn't, and while it is easier to go through the motions rather than be honest about our emptiness, there is still someone who does see us and is not afraid of our mess."

Yes, thanks be to God, it is Jesus who truly sees all of you and me, and is definitely not afraid of our messes. Jesus gladly shepherds us, leading and protecting us.

Let me know if this little taste of Chris Padgett's book might get you to read it. It's not a long read, only 150 small, well spaced pages. I can get an order of this book for as little as \$2 each. Admittedly, I discovered in these pages some uncomfortable truths about myself. But I also found encouragement, hope, laughs, and the comfort in knowing that I'm in plenty of good company like you!

So be grateful, Jesus will gladly continue to shepherd and protect us. Don't be afraid. Let you and me be daring and let Jesus work with us in the ways he will come to us through our families, colleagues, classmates, bosses, even strangers to forgive us, heal us, and one day bring us into eternal life.

Lord's Kitchen at Christ Episcopal Church



A Big Thank You to our faithful parishioner team—Sharon, Kent, Steve M, Steve H, Nancy, Jan, Angie, Chris, Linda, Diana, Marcy, Pablo, Paul K, Susan, Antoinette and Michele. A delicious dinner of

Meatball Grinder, Salad, Dessert and beverages were prepared and served to guests who dined in or took out. We also thank *Icing on the Cake Bakery* for donating rolls and breads which are packaged by the team for guests to take home

"The Lord's Kitchen is a family home," Deacon Paul Kurmay, Coordinator of the ministry said, "and we treat everyone with love and respect, as if they were our own family members, because, before God, they are."

16 organizations, churches and businesses rotate cooking and serving meals at Christ Episcopal Church each Monday and Wednesday night. If you would like to help or would like more information, please call or email the parish office

Guild of the Mother of Jesus ~ May 15th Dinner

All Guild of the Mother of Jesus members and All women of the parish are invited to our May Gathering on Friday, May 15th at 5:30pm in the parish Community Room (convent building). We will begin with dinner and are pleased to welcome Sister Catherine Brodersen, Apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to be with us and present a reflection on our Blessed Mother—A Woman of Faith - and how her faith and example can guide us in our daily lives. Let us know you are joining us—call the parish office or send an email by May 8th. There is no cost for dinner. Menu will include a hot chicken entree, pasta, salad, bread, dessert and refreshments.



As Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we joyfully offer our lives in service to the Church and to all of God's people. Through our consecration, we are sent out in mission—called to carry Christ's love wherever He leads us. Here in the United States, we share the love of Christ across five states: CT, NY, PA, MO and FL Our primary areas of ministry include education, social services and health care, pastoral and diocesan, and spiritual ministries.



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